SUPREME COURT OF ILLINOIS

COURT CONVENED AT 9:30 A.M., WEDNESDAY, MARCH 10, 2004

THE FOLLOWING ANNOUNCEMENT IS MADE:

PEOPLE'S DOCKET

No. 87957 - People State of Illinois, appellee, v. Maurice McDonald, appellant.

Motion by appellant, pro se, to appoint counsel and for briefing schedule and for certain other relief. Motion <u>denied</u>. On the Court's own motion, the Office of the State Appellate Defender is appointed to represent appellant Maurice McDonald in this appeal. It is further ordered that this case is transferred to the Appellate Court, First District.

Order entered by the Court.

Motion by appellant, pro se, for the Chief Justice to allow an appeal by a matter of right halted by Justice Fitzgerald and Justice Freeman with a pro-se brief filed April 2000, or allow appointment of counsel instantaneous. Motion denied.

Order entered by the Court.

THE FOLLOWING MOTIONS WERE PRESENTED AND ORDERS WERE ENTERED AS INDICATED:

PEOPLE'S DOCKET

No. 97070 - People State of Illinois, appellant, v. Ernesto Guevara, appellee.

Motion by appellee for an extension of time for filing brief to and including April 30, 2004. Motion allowed.

Order entered by Justice Rarick.

CIVIL DOCKET

No. 97059 - Norma Perez De Bates, etc., appellant, v. R. Edward Bates, appellee.

Motion by appellee for leave to file brief instanter in excess of the page limitation but not exceeding 81 typewritten pages or, in the alternative, seven (7) days in which to file a brief within the page limitation. Alternative request allowed. Brief not exceeding 75 pages to be filed on or before March 17, 2004.

Order entered by Justice Rarick.

No. 97932 - Deborah Anderson, appellant, v. Timothy R. Lubenow, M.D., et al., etc., appellees.

Motion by appellant to withdraw this case without prejudice or, in the alternative, transfer this case to the Appellate Court, First District. Alternative request allowed. Case transferred to Appellate Court, First District.

Order entered by Chief Justice McMorrow.

LEAVE TO APPEAL DOCKET

No. 97781 - People State of Illinois, respondent, v. Justin Matimore, petitioner.

Motion by petitioner for an extension of time for filing petition for leave to appeal to and including April 4, 2004. Motion allowed.

Order entered by Chief Justice McMorrow.

No. 97983 - Queen Adams, as Adm'r. etc., respondent, v. Charles Bruce Thomas, petitioner.

Motion by petitioner, pro se, for leave to file petition for leave to appeal instanter. Motion allowed.

Order entered by Justice Rarick.

No. 97987 - The Carriage Werks, Inc., respondent, v. Bharati K. Sura, petitioner.

Motion by petitioner, pro se, for leave to file petition for leave to appeal instanter. Motion allowed.

Order entered by Justice Rarick.

MISCELLANEOUS RECORD

Motion by movant for retroactive renewal of registration pursuant to Supreme Court Rule 721.

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CALL OF THE DOCKET, WEDNESDAY, MARCH 10, 2004

No. 96563 - People State of Illinois, appellant, v. Melody T. Burdunice, appellee. Appeal, Appellate Court, Third District.

Oral argument by J. Paul Hoffmann for appellant and by Santiago Durango for appellee. Submitted. Agenda 4.

No. 96153 - James E. Hawes, appellee, v. Luhr Brothers, Inc., appellant. Appeal, Appellate Court, Fifth District.

Oral argument by Timothy A. Gutknecht for appellant and by Gail Renshaw for appellee. Submitted. Agenda 5.

No. 96210 - Patricia Abrams, Indv., etc., et al., appellees, v. The City of Chicago, etc., appellant. Appeal, Appellate Court, First District.

Oral argument by David Graver for appellant and by Mark Stone for appellees. Submitted. Agenda 6.

No. 96862 - Martin Roth et al., appellees, v. Gerald J. Opiela, Indv., etc., et al., appellants. Appeal, Appellate Court, Fifth District.

Oral argument by John P. Ewart for appellants and by Robert L. Douglas for appellees. Submitted. Agenda 8.